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SUBJ: ARAFAT REQUESTS "HEAVY ARMS" FROM LIBYA

1. ACCORDING TO JULY 20 LOCAL MEDIA, PLO EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN YASIR ARAFAT APPEALED FOR "HEAVY ARMS" IN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN MILITARY EFFORTS IN LEBANON. ARAFAT REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE PLO NEEDS MORE THAN "LIGHT ARMS" TO "CONFRONT THE VICIOUS PLOT BEING HATCHED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON." ALLUDING TO LIBYA'S AGREEMENT TO THIS REQUEST, ARAFAT PRAISED THE "POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF THE GREAT 1ST OF SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION AND THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE ARAB HOMELAND AND THEIR EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT."

2. ARAFAT PUBLICLY INDICATED THE NEED FOR HEAVY ARMS BEFORE A GATHERING OF PALESTINIANS PRESENTLY RESIDING IN LIBYA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY OF BENGHAZI. ARAFAT

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CLAIMED THAT THE "CURRENT FIGHTING IN SOUTHERN LEBANON IS MERELY A ZIONIST ATTEMPT TO EXHAUST THE FORCES IN THE REGION." HE ADDED THAT THE SITUATION THERE WAS NOT AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE AS PORTRAYED BY A NUMBER OF NEWS AGENCIES.

3. ARAFAT'S EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH LIBYAN ARMED FORCES COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ABU BAKR YUNIS AND LIBYAN SECRETARY

FOR LIAISON BEN AMIR FURTHER SUGGESTS LIBYANS HAVE
"RESPONDED POSITIVELY" TO ARAFAT'S REQUEST FOR HEAVY ARMS.
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